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In re Appln. of: Masakazu Nishida et al.

Appln. No.: 10/810,500

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: A METHOD FOR MANAGING DATA  
SHARING AMONG APPLICATION  
PROGRAMS

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Art Unit: 2661

Attorney Docket No: 9683/175

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Attached are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in duplicate); Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO 1449; 2 Cited References including Japanese Office Action (E1 and E2)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
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- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

**Foreign Patent Document**

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
JP2001-344032	Dec. 14, 2001	JPO

**Other Art**

Japanese Office Action mailed July 25, 2006

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Reference E2 is an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. Reference E1 was cited in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement.

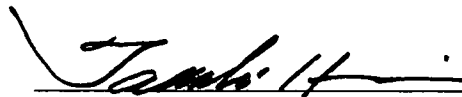
Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLAS S	FILING DATE

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLAS S	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	E1	JP2001-344032	12/14/2001	JPO	Yes

EXAMINER INITIAL	<b>OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b> <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>				
	E2	Japanese Office Action mailed July 25, 2006			

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /KMR/

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